GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN PROPERTY LAW
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to amend property laws governing inheritance in favour of women;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received in this regard from various organisations;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken during the current year to ensure grant of property right to women in inherited property on par with their brothers; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The property rights of women are governed by the Hindu Succession Act,1956, the Indian Succession Act,1925 and other personal laws relating to different communities. As far as the property rights of Hindu Women are concerned, 174th report of the Law Commission of India on `Property rights of Hindu Women-proposed Reforms` was received and the Government has written to all the State Governments and Union territory eliciting their views in this matter.

(d): A number of State Governments and Union territory Administrations have responded to the letter written by the Government and the Government will take a view in the matter after replies from most of the State Governments/Union territory Administrations send are received.